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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT

REF: BRUSSELS 3511

1. AT MEETING YESTERDAY (MAY 30) WITH DIRECTOR OF
LOGISTICS AND MATERIAL FOR MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, GENERAL
HAMRE, MAAG CHIEF WAS GIVEN LIST OF SUBJECTS REPORTED
REFTEL THAT FOUR-NATION COMMITTEE PLANS TO RAISE DURING
FORTHCOMING VISIT TO US. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON
PARA 3 OF REFTL (USG COMMITMENT TO PURCHASE FIGHTER
SELECTED BY EUROPEAN NATO COUNTRIES), GENERAL HAMRE
STATED THAT THIS ISSUE WAS BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT THE
LIGHT WEIGHT FIGHTER COMPETITION IN THE US WOULD NOT LEAD
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DIRECTLY TO US PRODUCTION, BUT THAT PRODUCTION MIGHT OCCUR
AT AN UNSPECIFIED LATER DATE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD IN NORWAY

THAT THE BELGIAMS BELIEVE THEY MUST MAKE A DECISION NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 1974 AND THAT ISSUE REAISED IN PARIA 3 REFLECTS, IN PART, THIS BELGIAN CONCERN.

2. REFERENCE TO SINGLE SOURCE PRODUCTION QUESTION IN PARA 1B REFERS TO SINGLE SOURCE PRODUCTION FOR MAJOR COMPONENTS AND AIRCRAFT PARTS IN EUROPE, ACCORDING TO HAMRE, AND "ASSUMPTION" DESCRIBED ABOVE APPLIES IN THIS CASE AS WELL.

3. WITH REGARD TO PARA 11, THE USE OF MUTUAL TRAINING FACILITIES REFERS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF TRAINING DONE IN THE US PATTERNED ON THE GERMAN MODEL AT LUKE AIR FORCE BASE.

4. WE HAVE ALSO LEARNED FROM HIGH LEVEL NORWEGIAN SOURCE THAT FRENCH MINISTER OF DEFENSE HAS INVITED HIS NORWEGIAN, BELGIAN AND DUTCH COUNTERPARTS TO MEET WITH HIM IN FRANCE IN LATE JULY OR EARLY AUGUST.

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